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AMAZING MR. RUSSELL

To the Editor of The Inquirer:

Thank you for printing Bertrand Russell's letter on your editorial page. You did the American people a great service by showing them how amazingly naive people in this world can be in regard to Communism. Sounds to me as if Mr. Russell was born after the Cuban crisis.

I say let's continue the flights over Cuba or any place else where American security is at stake regardless of what anyone or any nation thinks. And someone please send Mr. Russell a history book at least from World War II to present.

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TWO-WAY INSPECTION

To the Editor of The Inquirer:

U. S. Government spokesmen state that U2 flights will be continued over Cuba as a guarantee against the installation of nuclear missiles on that island. The Cuban Government has stated repeatedly that it consents to ground inspection, (presumably by a U.N. team), provided that the United States consents to a like inspection of various spots in the Caribbean from which it is alleged the United States is sponsoring sabotage and other attacks on Cuba.

If the Cuban allegation is mistaken or false, why should the United States object to a two-way inspection? If the Cuban allegation is correct, the people of this country have a right to know and to decide. Is it right for us to tinker with international justice and a possible nuclear confrontation by continuing C.I.A. and U2 operations in the Caribbean? Or would it be right to discontinue both and to ask the United Nations to maintain a two-way inspection as long as it might seem useful?

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REPLYING IN KIND

To the Editor of The Inquirer:

Your prominent "Letter of the Day" space given to Bertrand Russell who lives in England and who slanders the United States as an imperialist country has prompted this reply. Mr. Russell sees a big inconsistency in the tolerant policy the United States seems to be following toward the U.S.S.R. and the hostile policy we show toward Cuba. He wants the United States to establish normal relations with Cuba and end the inspection flights over Cuban territory.

The tolerant policy we are showing to the U.S.S.R. is due to a similar attitude which the U.S.S.R. now chooses to show the United States. Our hostile policy toward Cuba is the result of Castro's continued hostility to the United States and to Latin America.

Mr. Russell should be appealing to Castro to make sincere peace offerings to the United States by making reparations for the billion dollars worth of U. S. property which he confiscated; by announcing that he will never again let Russia set up missiles on Cuban soil and America need not fear a repetition of that crisis; by pledging he will no longer train men and women in subversion and ruthless armed revolution and send them to other Latin American countries with the purpose of overthrowing the governments of those countries and set up Communist regimes.

Without these assurances and demonstrated good faith, America cannot trust Castro or the U.S.S.R. and is obliged to continue the inspection flights and really should intensify such efforts.

The charge of imperialism Mr. Russell makes against the U. S. for maintaining a naval base at Guantanamo Bay by force, as he puts it, is entirely false and slanderous. If the U. S. was imperialistic it could have taken over Cuba long, long ago.

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